



# The Centurion

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Priceless



*The night creeps away, The trees all sway.  
Then comes the morn, Night turns to day.  
The Son arose so long ago. The darkness for to banish.  
So our soul would always be, never to be vanquished.  
We live and die — He died and lived. That lonely day so long ago  
To make us His, He alone had made it so.*

John Spillman, KT4CB

# QSL Card Winner

By Charles Rader, ACOHF

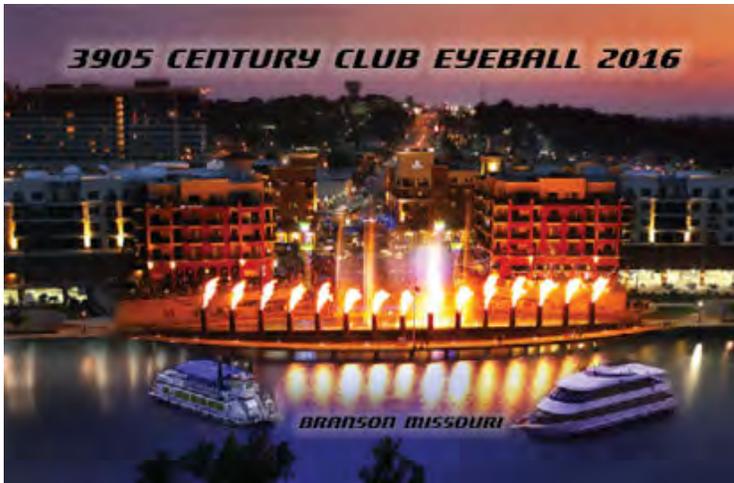
We have a winner!!! This card was designed by Glen Felt and created by myself.

Card #1 won by 3 votes with Card #2 coming in at a close second with 25 total votes. A total of \$62.00 was donated in votes.

The complete breakdown is:

Card #	Votes	# of Voters	Submitter
1	28	10	Glen Felt (WTOA)
2	5	3	Charles Rader (ACOHF)
3	4	2	Charles Rader (ACOHF)
4	25	9	Karl Peterson (KCOMS)
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By using Paypal for votes they took out a total of \$9.04 for fees. I will donate the PayPal fees back into the total amount.



The breakdown for the fees was:  
 \$1.00 had a fee of \$0.33    \$2.00 had a fee of \$0.36  
 \$3.00 had a fee of \$0.39    \$4.00 had a fee of \$0.42  
 \$5.00 had a fess of \$0.45    \$10.00 had a fee of \$0.59

So the better bargain was with the higher donations.

I want to give a very large shout out and a BIG THANK YOU to the following people:

Ralph KG8WL for coming up with the QSL card group that narrowed the submitted cards to the top 4. The following was the volunteers in the group.

Peter N2XTT    Dwight WF4H    David KI4DFS  
 Ben AE4NT    Donnie KG4ZOD    Dan K9EA    Clay WA6LBU

Also want to thank everyone that submitted cards for the contest as well.

73, Charles Rader (ACOHF)

President- Howell County Amateur Radio Club  
 3905 Century Club-10th Area Awards Manager  
 3905 Century Club-Eyeball 2016 Host

**3905 CENTURY CLUB EYEBALL 2016 BRANSON MISSOURI**

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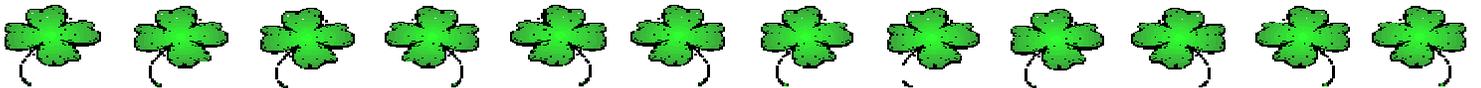
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 PROGRESSIVE AWARDS: \_\_\_\_\_

Celebrating 39 years of making Friends.

PSE QSL  
 FAX QSL  
 NO QSL

HOSTED BY CHARLES RADER (ACOHF) / CARD DESIGNED BY GLEN FELT (WTOA) AND CHARLES RADER (ACOHF)



## Omissions from last issue

Last issue I missed half of Peter's submission. My sincere apologies for this omission. Reproduced here is the complete submission I subsequently received. John, KT4CB

## 2nd Call Area Director

"I would like to thank those folks who kindly voted me back as the Director of the 2nd Call Area of the **3905 Century Club**. I assure you of my absolute commitment to continuing to act in the best interests of the 2nd Call Area. In the twenty years in which I have been honoured to represent the 2nd Area, I have always sought to do my best to act on all issues brought to my attention by my constituents as well as the rest of the country, and this will most certainly continue to be the case.

Sadly there are many subject areas where change cannot

happen simply through discussing issues with Officers, due to what may be constitutionally or legislatively preventive and which may require policy revision. This requires a much different and far more detailed approach and this is a point which is all too often lost on certain individuals who would seem to advocate change at the snap of their fingers. My promise to the folks of the 2nd Call Area is to continue to be active in the club, working with and alongside committees and voluntary groups as I have always done and to be readily accountable in all that I do. As always, if anybody has any issues or questions you can contact me at [n2xtt@aol.com](mailto:n2xtt@aol.com)



Peter B. Summers, N2XTT, 2nd Call Area Director.

# Meet Your (Almost) New Awards Secretary, AE4NT

## Greetings, 3905 Century Club Netizens!

My original introduction failed to make it into the previous *Centurion*, which was largely dedicated to the general election. Therefore, I will now introduce myself as your (almost) new Awards Secretary, a position to which I was elected in Fall 2015 by the Board of Directors.

I am **Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT**, of Longwood, Florida. Many of you know me either as a net control operator on 40M SSB late nets, or from friendly visits during the past two Eyeballs. Others might know me as the Fourth Area Awards Manager, a job I regrettably relinquished on March 1 of this year at the behest of the incoming area director after a rewarding and enjoyable thirteen months.

Before I write about my new job, I would like to thank the *great fourth area members* for making it such a pleasure to have served you. Without exception, our interaction was friendly and constructive. I will sincerely miss this part of my life as I move on.

My approach as Awards Secretary is to provide excellent service, high quality, and fast turnaround, along with meaningful, detailed, and interesting weekly reporting of awards issued. I produce and mail award certificates each Friday in order that members receive their rewards timely. I am available by email and phone to answer awards questions at any time.

You are understandably proud to display our award certificates, as they represent great accomplishments in ham radio. With this in mind, I have upgraded the overall quality of certificates. I switched to parchment stock for printed certificates, increasing their aesthetic appeal. Alternatively, I produce and email print quality PDF certificates upon request. *(Please feel free to email me at the address on the Club website to express your preference.)*

In my first few months as Awards Secretary, I have improved weekly award reporting, incorporating personal background sketches of award recipients and providing information about some of the lesser known awards. I believe that awards are what we market, so we should continue to make the chase for awards interesting and appealing. You personally put a lot of time and effort into earning these awards and you deserve the recognition you are accorded by sharing the news with the membership.

Much as I did as Fourth Area Awards Manager, I take personal pride in

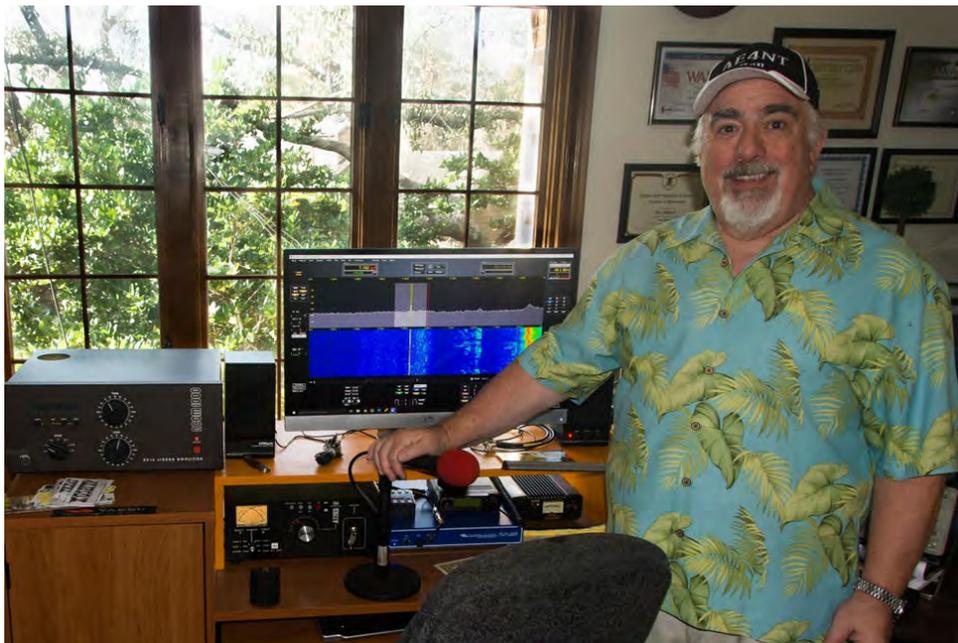
each award I process. I consider myself very lucky to share your sense of accomplishment as you climb our Club's awards ladder. A big thumbs-up to you, the award earners, who keep the Club going and who keep my keyboard and fingers from seizing up! Keep 'em coming!

What does the future hold for 3905 Century Club awards? I am hoping that by press time our Awards Committee will be reconstituted and tasked with initial objectives including retiring obsolete awards and creating new ones to take their place, sparking increased interest in operating on our nets. Contests, such as "What's in the Box?" run in 2010, might be another way to spur interest. In any case, an active Awards Committee is the key to a robust future for the Club. The awards operation as a whole is our marketing function, and without paying sufficient attention to improving our existing products while continually innovating new ones, they – and we – grow stale. We need to keep our product fresh and appealing as we strive to open up our market to lots of new people!

To summarize, I will endeavor to build upon the excellent accomplishments of those who preceded me as Awards Secretary. I am grateful that several of them, among other prominent members, were able to help me settle into the position. I particularly thank **Peter Summers, N2XTT**, **Ron Stanley, NC4RS**, and **Jimmy Richardson, N5OHL**, for their considerable assistance in getting me up to speed. **Jim Higgins, KB3PU**, and **Rick Mobley, WB5FDP**, have given me the benefit of their wisdom and their many years of experience with the awards structure and its associated database(s). Last but not least, I thank our President, **Skip Guenter, K5SRG**, for his confidence in me. I cannot imagine how difficult it would have been to assume this position without the unsolicited guidance and support offered by these fine men.

Finally, I thank the hard-working area awards managers, who tirelessly waded through piles of sometimes illegible, coffee stained, and cigar smelling QSL cards to ensure the integrity and timeliness of the awards approval process. Having been one of you for a brief thirteen months makes me all the more appreciative of your ongoing efforts. Hats off to you all!

I have used enough space already, so I will close by stating that I am excited and honored that the Board of Directors appointed me as the 3905 Century Club Awards Secretary and I sincerely look forward to overflowing your mailboxes with award certificates. Thank you all!



## **New 3rd Area Director**

As the incoming 3rd Area Director I wish to thank Kathy, K3ATY for her service and with her well. I would also like to thank Bob, KC1AU for his service to the 3rd Call Area as our Area Awards Manager.

I am please to announce that after talking with Wes, N3HWH I have asked and he has accepted to stay on as the 3rd Call Area Alternate Area Director. Thank you Wes and I look forward to working with you.

I have also talked with Bob, KC1AU and I expressed my desire to bring the Area Awards Manager back in to the 3rd call area. With that in mind until I find a permanent replacement I will be assuming the position of AAM. Bob will be forwarding all the 3rd call area paperwork he has to me. All future applications should be sent directly to me.

Anyone from the third call area that would be interested in the position please contact me so we can talk.

Also, I look forward to representing the 3rd call area. If anyone in the 3rd call area wishes to contact me with ideas, suggestions, and even their opinions please feel free to do so. I am more than willing to listen to them.

The best way to reach me since I am a working stiff is to e-mail me or even snail mail me. My email address is n3wd at n3wd dot com.

Thank you

Bill Dobson, N3WD  
P.O. Box 922  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

## **Special Election Results**

By Jim, KB3PU

Results for 3905CC Special Election 7th & 10th Area Directors

Vote - Candidate

10 Area 7 Director - **Ron Seese WB7ASC - WINNER**

16 Area 10 Director - **Ray Myers WBOPYF - WINNER**

10 Area 10 Director - Eric Johnson AA0HF

3 Area 10 Director - Tim O'Hara WOYV

All votes were cast on-line. There were no votes via email or USPS.

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73 de Jim, KB3PU, Election Monitor



## **Handi-Ham Bureau**

I'm pleased to announce that KC2IYE, Bob Braddock has assumed operation of the handiham bureau effective 3 February 2016.

His section on the website is up now.

Thanx, Skip

# Area Updates

## 3rd Area

Results for 3905CC Special Election 3rd Area Director

Votes - Candidate

4 **Bill Dobson, N3WD** - WINNER

All votes were cast on-line. There were no votes via email or USPS.

73 de Jim, KB3PU, Election Monitor

## 4th Area

Effective march 1, 2016 the following directorial appointments are effective in the 4th call area:

**W5DMT, Dave Tipton**, will be assuming the position of alternate director

**W3BS, Buddy Spiegel**, will be reassuming the position of awards manager.

73 de **W3BS, Buddy**

ROADRUNNER (all capitals)

## 6th Area

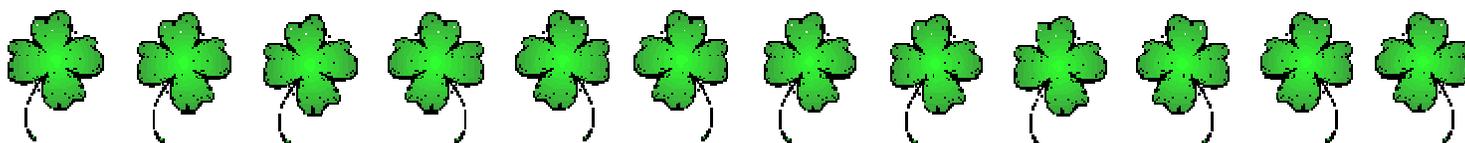
I am pleased to announce that Bill Fuller, K6YEK, has agreed to accept the position and I have appointed him as the new 6<sup>th</sup> Area Assistant Director effective March 1, 2016.

George N. Huett-W6LJK, 6th Area Director

## 7th Area

Seventh Area club members: It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of **Lee Kanon, KG7BAN** as your 7th Area Alternate Director. Lee and I have established a very close working relationship. If you should have any club difficulties, questions, complaints, suggestions, recommendations (or even praise), PLEASE contact one of us for prompt attention and resolution. Remember, our sole purpose is to represent you folks of the 7th call area in club matters. Please give Lee a big welcome. A happy Valentine's Day to all!

**Ron, WB7ASC**, 7th Area Director



Members,

Remember one thing. All appointments made by the President and Area Directors are their appointments. These appointees serve at the President and Area Director's pleasure unless overridden by the BOD. Otherwise if they desire to change them that is their prerogative. This is done on the national level using the President's Cabinet for an example. This came up when Dean, N7XG relieved several people of their appointments last fall. You may not like the decision sometimes, but it is their right under our By-Laws. Until that is changed I will stand behind that right. You, as members, elected these people to speak on your behalf and to perform these duties. Where were most of you when the elections were held. The voter turnout was pathetic in my opinion and has been so for quite some time.

This issue started out as who bears the responsibility for charges incurred if such a change is made. That is being looked into at the present time. All members will be kept informed via the various chats when a recommendation is made. This should be within a month or so.

George-W6LJK, Chairman

# From Father to Son- Remembrances of My Dad and Ham Radio

If I was a little older at the time, I might have guessed what my dad was up to. The signs were there: a Knightkit Span Master shortwave radio for Christmas in 1962, followed by a pair of Knightkit walkie talkies the following year and a CB radio. Yes, another Knightkit, as a Christmas gift in 1964. To this day I can still remember my CB call sign (**KKB1757**).

It was early in 1966 that my dad had something else to share with me - a Morse code oscillator he had built. That's when things started to become a little clearer and began to make sense. He suggested that if I learned both code and some basic technical information I could take a test and, if I passed, move up from my CB radio status and get my ham "ticket" like he had. The timing was right. I had just recently fractured my left wrist playing organized baseball and wouldn't be able to play ball that summer. So needless to say I was going to have plenty of time "off".

Growing up I can remember all kinds of radio equipment around the house including my dad's ham gear that was set up in an attic loft along with many years worth of QST magazines neatly organized by year. And how could I forget his amateur radio license that he had as long as I could remember. But because my dad was busy raising a family that included my two younger brothers, he wasn't very



Dad with Ham Radio Equipment 1984

active with ham radio, so I never gave any thought about ham radio as a hobby.

I studied the "How to Become a Novice" handbook, learned the required 5 wpm code requirement, took my test and received my novice license (**WN1GLS**) in the spring of 1966. Even before my license arrived, my dad excitedly began to assemble and set up the necessary "novice" equipment in my bedroom. It included my dad's Heathkit HR-20 receiver and a DX-40 transmitter, that he brought home from work one day, and a matching Heathkit AM-2 SWR bridge. We re-routed the Lattin Radio Labs 5-band dipole lead into my "shack" and now I was ready to operate, all I needed was my license.

For me, one of the great byproducts of becoming a ham was that it renewed my father's interest in the hobby. My dad, who was a long time engineer at a local AM radio station WELI in Hamden, CT, even started a local ham radio club that was sponsored by the radio



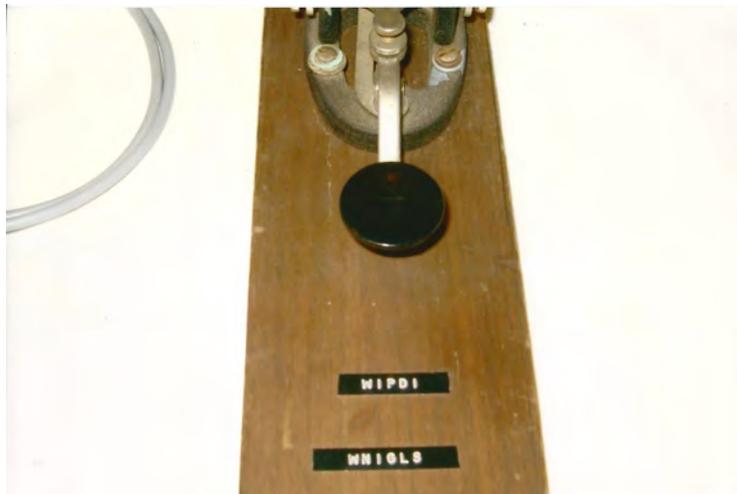
Dad's First Log Book

station and he was the trustee of the club's license, **WA1HRC**.

During the next few years we held our club meetings in the radio station's remote building that housed their emergency on-air studio. It was there that we built and operated our club station of the Heathkit SB line equipment. I recall how we built other equipment including a 15 meter beam one Saturday at the radio station after my dad convinced the station to purchase and erect a 50' crank-up tower for the beam. We participated in several Field Day adventures and even made a few trips to ARRL headquarters.

My interest in amateur radio faded when I went to college in 1972 and my dad lost interest soon afterwards. He soon left his position with the radio station to start a two-way radio (as it was called then) sales and service company that eventually lead to a very successful commercial mobile/cellular telephone business.

Then something sparked my interest in the hobby again around 1979. I purchased some brand new equipment and returned to the airwaves operating out of my apartment. I was active for a few years and again, this renewed my father's interest in returning to the hobby. As a birthday gift in March 1980, I presented him with the



First Straight Key



original novice equipment restored and tested by RTO Electronics 2007

exact same equipment I was using at the time: a Kenwood TS520SE transceiver and matching AT200 antenna tuner.

By 1984 I went QRT once again and sold my equipment. My father kept his gear and was active until around 1990 when he and my mom were getting to retire and move to Florida. During his "active" period we put up a 160 meter long wire and a 10-80 meter dipole. During this time my dad even constructed some RTTY equipment which he wrote an article about that appeared in the June 1985 issue of 73 Magazine entitled "Perfection Plus". (which I have a copy of).

After my dad retired and he and my mom moved to Sarasota, Florida in 1992 I always assumed that he sold his equipment, among other things, prior to the move. Sadly my father passed away in August 2002. Shortly after his passing I made it a point to notify the ARRL and requested that he be remembered among other Silent Keys in QST.

Later in the year I received in the mail the December 2002 issue of QST which surprised me, because I hadn't been a member of the ARRL in well over 20 years and hadn't seen a copy of QST since the early 1980's. But in that issue my fathers listing in Silent Keys appeared. To this day I am not sure who sent me that issue of QST.

For several weeks I found myself going through that issue of QST over and over again looking at the advertisements, reading articles

and trying to understand some of the unfamiliar terms that were nonexistent 20 years earlier. All the while asking myself, "Why was it that I hadn't thought about getting back into the hobby again and if I had done so earlier, maybe I could have renewed my father's interest for a third time. We could have scheduled QSO's, and my children would have loved the opportunity of "getting on the radio" with their grandfather.

During Christmas 2002 my mom came to stay with us for a few weeks. One day she noticed the issue of QST that I had been thumbing through and said something to me that seemed to make time stand still. She said that my father had kept a lot of his ham equipment and asked if I wanted what he saved. When I asked why he kept the equipment her reply was simply "He wanted you to have all of it because he had hoped someday you would become interested in ham radio again."

Because of that December 2002 issue of QST and my mom's visit, it sparked my interest in returning to the air waves. But now learning that I had access to some equipment and that it was kept



Tuning HR20 Receiver

with the hope that I might someday want to return to the hobby, well, the timing was right. Arrangements were made to have the equipment shipped to me in January 2003 and I was back on the air by early February.

Not only did my father keep the Kenwood equipment I gave him as a birthday gift 22 years earlier, but to my surprise the packages of equipment that arrived that day include more than I ever could have imagined.

That January's shipment included nearly all of the original equipment that my dad had set up for me when I first received my novice "ticket". It included my dad's original Heathkit HR-20 receiver, my DX-40 transmitter, matching SWR bridge, my first code key, with his call sign and mine still on the mounting board, and even my SB-600 Heathkit speaker that I bought while still a novice. Also included were QSL cards my dad received over the years, all of his log books, original Vibroplex bug from 1947 and a handful of his own original QSL cards from 1946. What a treasure!

Life is full of ironies. If it were not for the December 2002 issue of QST showing up in the mail and the fact that my dad kept his ham equipment, I seriously doubt that I would be back on the air today enjoying amateur radio like it was the novice days of 1966 all over again. Well, maybe not like 1966 since amateur radio certainly has changed a lot since then.



Tom WN1GLS Feb 1967

As a way to remember my dad, in April 2003 I applied for and was granted his amateur call that he held from 1946 to 2002, changing my call from **WA1GLS** to **W1PDI**. I just had to keep my dad's call sign in the family. It's good to be back but I just wish I had the chance to once again renew my dad's interest in the hobby that he first introduced to me 50 years ago this spring.

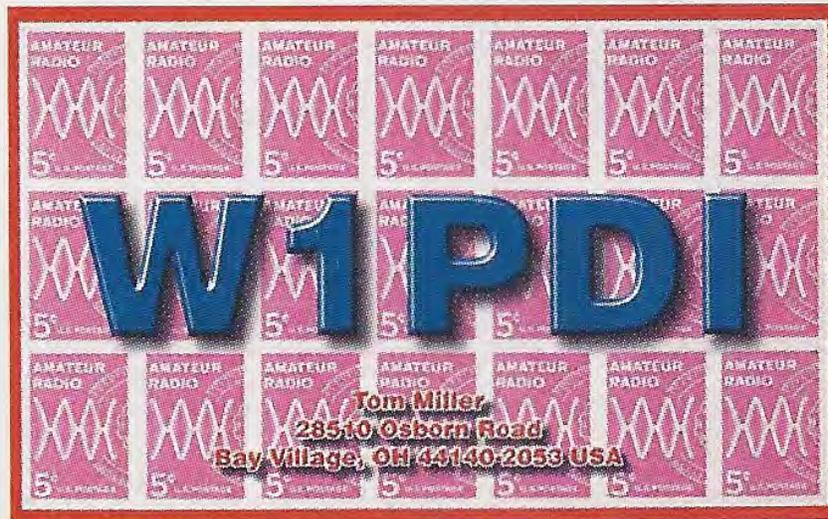
Responses to this article are welcome.

73,

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W1PDI QSL Card Circa late 40's



December 15 marks the 40th anniversary of the issuance of the US postage stamp honoring Amateur Radio operators. To commemorate the event, Tom Miller, W1PDI, of Bay Village, Ohio, has been using this special QSL all year. He was moved to use the design after coming across a block of the stamps in his father's January 1965 issue of *QST*. John Miller, who also held W1PDI, became a Silent Key in 2002.

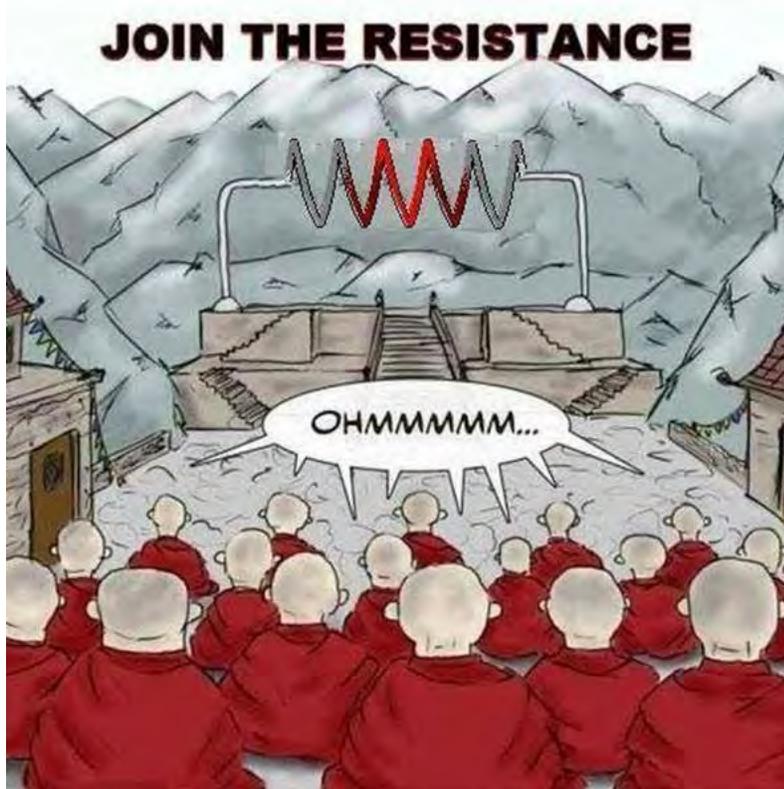
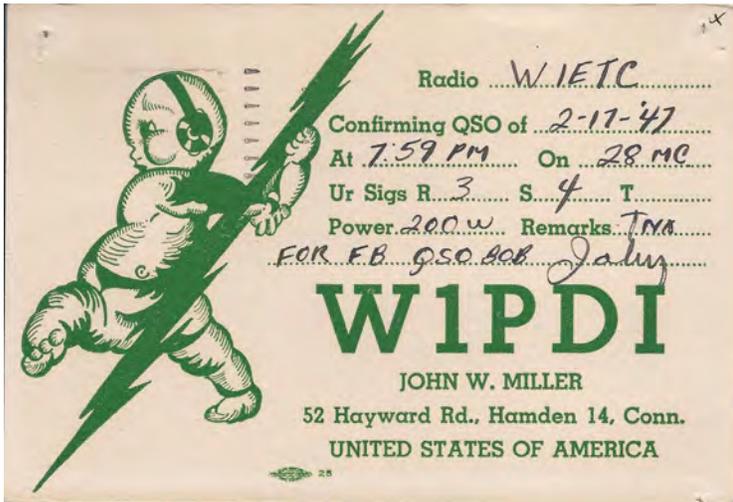
~~QST~~ December 2004 21

W1PDI QSL Card Mention QST Dec 2004 Issue Cropped

The attached QSL card was sent to W1ETC by my dad in 1947. I remember my dad showing me this "returned" card. Apparently the family of W1ETC returned some of the SK's QSL cards to the original senders, including my dad. How different is that.

I believe my dad received this QSL card in the mail sometime in the 1970's/early '80's.

Kind of cool to see this. I forgot I had it until sorting thru some QSL cards recently.



## Reward Offered

A REWARD OF 500 MICROFARADS IS OFFERED FOR THE INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF HOP-A-LONG APACITY. THIS UNRECTIFIED CRIMINAL ESCAPED FROM A WESTERN PRIMARY CELL WHERE HE HAD BEEN CLAMPED IN IONS WAITING THE GAUSS CHAMBER.

HE IS CHARGED WITH THE INDUCTION OF AN 18 TURN COIL NAMED MILLIHENRY WHO WAS FOUND CHOKED AND ROBBED OF VALUABLE JOULES. HE IS ARMED WITH A CARBON ROD AND IS A POTENTIAL KILLER. CAPACITY IS ALSO CHARGED WITH DRIVING DC MOTOR OVER A WHEATSTONE BRIDGE AND REFUSING TO LET THE BAND-PASS.

IF ENCOUNTERED, HE MAY OFFER SERIES OF RESISTANCE. THE ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE SPENT THE NIGHT SEARCHING FOR HIM IN A MAGNETIC FIELD, WHERE HE HAD GONE TO EARTH. THEY HAD NO SUCCESS AND BELIEVED HE HAD RETURNED OHM VIA A SHORT CIRCUIT

HE WAS LAST SEEN RIDING A KILOCYCLE WITH HIS FRIEND EDDY CURRENT WHO WAS PLAYING A HARMONIC.

# NetLogger Update

The Board of Directors has approved a motion that the **Century Club** migrate to NetLogger software for net live logging. We are now in a planning phase to make sure the migration is orderly, but timely. This means that as we migrate, Club Net Control Stations will begin using NetLogger to provide live check in lists for our net participants.

NetLogger is a live logging tool used by thousands of Hams throughout the world. It runs on PC, Mac and Linux computers and is easy to install. Many **3905 Century Club** members already use it for other nets.

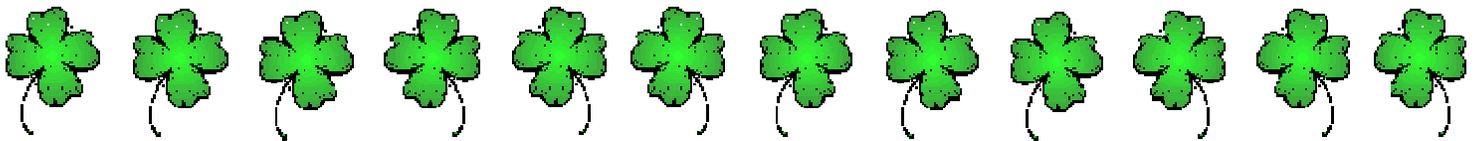
Since October, the Club's Technology Workgroup has been working on determining the steps necessary to maintain continuity in our NCS's ability to perform live logging. We reached out and built a positive relationship between the **3905 Century Club** and **NetLogger.org**, the organization that operates NetLogger. The NetLogger.org team has welcomed the 3905 Century Club and in fact has made over a dozen changes to NetLogger to support the particulars of our net operations and enable a smooth transition.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the **Century Club** piloted NetLogger for live logging during its two 20m digital nets. The pilot was successful and a



recommendation was made to the President and Board of Directors to begin a migration to NetLogger.

We will keep folks updated as the activities and dates for the migration are finalized.



# IF I CAN DO IT, ANYONE CAN!

By Pablo, NN5G

**Thanksgiving time rolled around and Quail hunting** was on my mind. The birddogs and hunting are what I look forward to the most, even more so than radio. Unfortunately, a serious ice storm hit the OKC and general OK area over Thanksgiving. The storm deposited over one inch of ice in most areas, cutting power, stopping transportation and toppling trees. Actually, another ice storm just as bad hit over Christmas, but there were no tree branches left to break.

My main antenna since 2005 has been an 80 meter loop, suggested by WB5FDP, when I first started on the 3905 nets. Over time, I found this to be a very versatile antenna. It was perfect for 3905 nets and was surprisingly good on DX. Currently, I have 8 BDCC and about 285 countries confirmed, mostly on the loop, which is a real tribute to that antenna. Pretty darned good for an antenna that has a reputation for close in communications specifically.

Well, the loop got ripped in the ice storm. I mean ripped (see picture)! All of my tree support structures were affected, with a 40' mulberry totally toppled. This tree was an anchor tree for the loop. Other trees were severely damaged. So, I was out of



the radio business.... I thought.

As it ended up, I was left with a 200' wire section and a 60' section from the loop. When we cleared the tree debris, I wrapped the 200' section around the roof of the house, and then into what was left of the supporting trees at 10-20'. It drooped sometimes within 5' of ground. The 60' section went from the feed point of 20' and was tied off at 5' on a Crepe Myrtle. I guess this was my ground radial... not sure what to call this antenna. BTW, I have a 1/2 acre lot in an antenna restricted HOA.

KI4WCQ was by last week and got a good laugh out of my "antenna farm". He really couldn't believe that I had worked VP8's Georgia & Sandwich with this set-up. Neither could I, or N5OHL who was also amazed.

I did check into the 75E net last night (2-18) with this antenna and completed many contacts. I did lose a "grabs" to N5MIG, but there is no shame in that. I will get him when the loop is back up ;-)

Jimmy came over today and we restrung a new loop, with the help of his trusty bow and arrow. So I am back in business. With enough effort and patience, you will be amazed at what success can be attained from this antenna, not just on 3905 nets, but throughout the amateur bands. Or, you can throw out a bunch of random wire and use a tuner.

With this setup you do need a decent tuner to be able to work multiple bands and a bit of power really helps. Many start on 40 meters and have a great time as new folks getting many calls. After a while the calls slow down and it can get a bit boring. Consider participating on different modes and the 75-80 meter nets as well. It's a lot of fun just tuning up random lengths of wire to see what you get...

Good luck & 73 de

**Pablo NN5G**

# 40m QSL Buro a New Beginning

By Robert Lunsford, KB8UEY

## As most of you know back in October 2015

the previous Buro Manager bailed with no advanced notice. This sent the club in to a tailspin as QSL cards are indeed the lifeblood of our club. There was a period of uncertainty as to what would happen next since the 75m Buro was already on extended shut down due to health issues Russ was enduring. This left the group with no way to exchange cards other than direct, and none of us can really afford to do that with the number of QSOs we tend to make. After a couple of days, and no real options being talked about on the reflectors, there was a conversation between the now infamous "Two Robs" and after that an email to Skip, and POOF the wheels had been set in motion. After a few discussions between Skip and a few others (some who had offered to take over the buro and a few trusted advisors) it was made official.

On or about October 28 (we were ready 10/25 but I think it went full blown public on 10/28) the new buro opened and started operations. There was much uproar as the previous buro manager initially indicated he was refunding no monies in his possession, but he did eventually start making refunds on a one on one basis upon request. Further complicating matters, he was still holding all existing files, SASEs, and cards and the transfer was still being worked out. Eventually the previous buro manager agreed to send all files (SASEs & cards) to the acting president, refusing to send them to the new buro managers further delaying the full set up of the new buro.

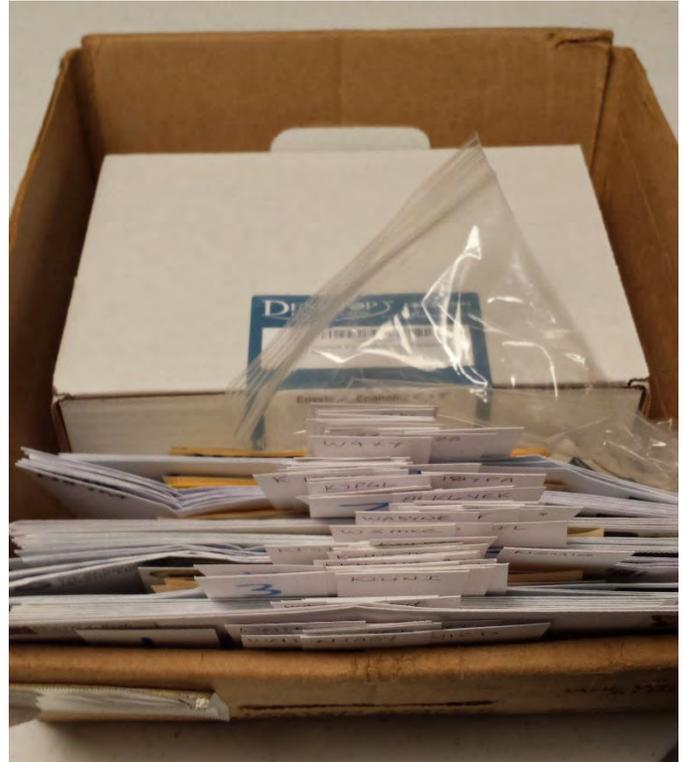
Since during this time of change there was no good way to tell who really was good or would still be good in the buro once the dust settled, the new buro agreed to process cards for anyone who was good in the old buro at the time of its closing till such a time that things could be cleared up and a new list established. This was done to be fair to the multitude of members who had been good in the buro and to not have an entire list of check-ins showing direct. Also at the time it shut down, remember, the 40m Buro was covering ALL nets as Russ was out of commission.

Over the first couple of weeks, the web page was updated, a new PayPal link was added, and postage account money and donations both started flooding the new buro. Also, a huge help was received from Dave W5DMT. He sent a roll of stamps and a box of 100 6x9 envelopes to start his account and to start the buro.

Then on November 7, it became painfully obvious just what a hole we were in. The boxes from the previous buro arrived at K8GIB's house and the dig out and sorting started. We pretty well took over the classrooms at W8BI for 2 days and then partially for the next week. It took till the end of November to get all squared away and sort out the fluff from the good. In the process we found cards from as far back as 2009 and some SASEs with 29 cent first class stamps on them. I lost count of how many SKs we found in those files. Oh, and let's not forget the evil Styrofoam packing peanuts! Apparently the old filing system used trays or boxes with each call areas separated by dividers for all 26 letters of the alphabet. Pretty sure if either Rob ever sees that many

stacks of stuff split by those cards and held together by rubber bands they will start seizing!

Near the end of November we had sorted through all the stuff from the old buro. It was discovered that there were many stations listed as good in the buro that in fact had no envelopes in the buro files.



The humble start, box of 6x9 envelopes and a roll of stamps from W5DMT and a few SASEs from a few of the CCN faithful who wasted no time.

Some of these may have been buro sale of old purged envelopes that were coming from a box somewhere, or raffle winnings at an Eyeball that were in a similar situation, but were not physically in the files. Any way you cut it, we encountered several people who were upset (rightfully so) that they were now "not good in buro" but there was nothing we could do. Also around the end of November it was decided that members had received ample time to get funds or envelopes to the new buro. Individuals who had cards but not funds or envelopes were sent their cards (at the buro's expense) along with a letter explaining what had happened so that they would know if they had not heard the news. We received several replies to the letters, most positive, some...well, not so pleasant. There were some who had forgot about the nets and were now going to return and others who instructed us where to stuff the nets and yet others that we found bad addresses on QRZ and some who were now SK.

The new buro is sorted out into hanging file folders. Each call area has its own drawer and already the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> areas are split in to 2 drawers and the 10<sup>th</sup> area likely will have to be split in the coming months.

Throughout this process members have stepped up to help offset the start-up costs of the buro and sent a little here and a little there, and a few have really helped! There have been a couple \$50 and a couple \$100 donations. Let us tell you all, that meant a lot to us and just goes to show the kind of people we have in this club, the best of the best!



November 7<sup>th</sup>, the sorting and unpacking starts!



As we got started and for the first week or so, this was our filing system.

Now that we are fully functional, here is what you can do to help us help you.

Sort Your Cards – First by Call Area (1 thru 10, 0 is the tenth so it is after 9 not before 1) then by Call Suffix is a HUGE help.

Try to avoid thin paper or photo paper. 20 pound printer paper and photo paper frequently sticks together and is difficult to separate at times and occasionally leads to wrong cards going to wrong people.



Try to avoid sending large stacks of cards in cheap thin envelopes. Postal sort machines get hungry and apparently buro envelopes are one of their favorite foods.

Keep up on how much money you have or how many envelopes you have. We have enough to do without tracking everyone down and letting them know they are out. We try to make note on the bottom of the envelope when you are getting low, but not always does this work and once you have a zero balance in both columns the logger automatically considers you direct (or just good in the other buro if you have stuff there).

PLEASE check GIB to see where you should be sending cards. If a station is only good in cc40 the cards come to us regardless of band. Likewise if a station is good only in cc80 they go to Russ regardless of band. If you work someone on 40m and they only have funds/envelopes in cc80 you are wasting your time and ours sending them to us because we can't do anything with them.

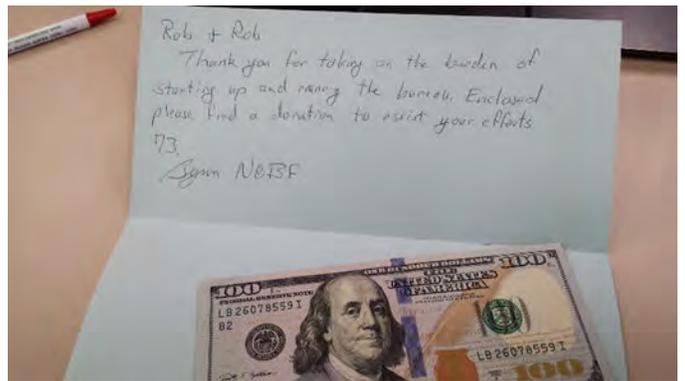
See Rick's page for several ways to check who is good in which buro ([radiohome.com/wb5fdp/3905ccn](http://radiohome.com/wb5fdp/3905ccn)).

Last, if you use the buro at least keep a few bucks or a few envelopes on file. We have right now 2 stations who have sent cards for stations who are not good in the buro (either buro for that matter) and they are not good in the buro either.

If you have any questions about the buro, please email either of the buro managers.



Now these hold Call Areas 1 thru 8 and the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> are on the other side of the room in another.



Got a couple notes like this throughout the start-up process.



K8GIB left and KB8UEY right – Dayton Air Show EMS Dispatch 2015

Rob Lunsford KB8UEY – [kb8uey@yahoo.com](mailto:kb8uey@yahoo.com)

Rob Gibbs K8GIB – [rag040@aol.com](mailto:rag040@aol.com)

**April would not be complete without an April's Fool joke. So, folks, here you are - the April Fool's joke for this year.**

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## New Products

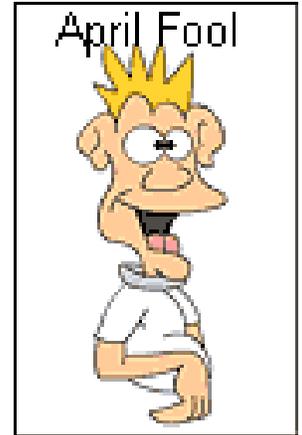
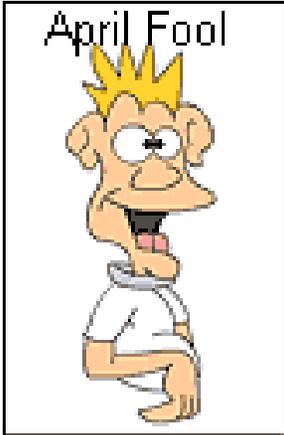
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### ANTENNA WAX

□ Dave Suggs, K4MJN, has introduced Macaroni Brand Antenna Wax™. Recently found parchments from the earliest days of ham radio have revealed the secret formula for Antenna Wax—this blend of exotic waxes is now available to hams! Used on any type of antenna, Antenna Wax reduces SWR and QSB and eliminates RFI, TVI and splattering. It also increases antenna bandwidth and gain, repels lightning strikes, improves low-angle radiation and keeps birds off your antennas!

Antenna Wax must be applied sparingly to antennas. It makes a great gift for your friends who can't hit the repeater!

Antenna Wax is available for \$3.98 (postpaid in the US—for foreign air mail orders, add \$3.) from Tung-N-Cheek Co., PO Box 11632, Columbia, SC 29211.—*Rus Healy, NJ2L*



*Happy Valentine's Day*

### **2016 Orlando Hamcation**

On February 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, the 3905 Century Club had a presence at The Orlando Hamcation. The group assembled, included Dave Tipton – W5DMT, Chris Carlough – KA4RGF, Dwight Greenburg – WF4H, Mike Rush - KU1V, and Mike Newland - NC8N. We also had frequent visits from Ben Goldfarb – AE4NT who was part of the Hamcation Staff, putting on the event.

Over the course of 3 days, we had approximately 5000 folks stop by, talk and take more information. We also collected about 75 email addresses from folks looking for more information. The purpose of our trip down, was to test out having a presence at various regional hamfests around the country. Eventually, we'd love to have a booth at Dayton, Hamcom in Irving, TX and a few other smaller regional hamfests as well.

## February Board of Directors Meeting

### 3905 Century Club, Inc. Board of Directors

Area	Director / Alternate Director		Area	Director / Alternate Director
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>KC1AU</b> -- Bob Wilson N1RNJ – Gary Sheridan		8th	<b>KJ8O</b> -- Joe Miller <b>K8GIB</b> -- Robert Gibbs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>N2XTT</b> – Peter Summers K2UNI – Keith Tilley		9th	AA9ZF – Maynard Anderson, Jr. <b>NJ9T</b> – Pete Thornton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>OPEN</b> <b>N3HWH</b> – Harry Hammerschmidt, Sr.		10th	<b>WB0PYF</b> – Ray Myers W0YV – Tim O'Hara
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>KB3PU</b> – Jim Higgins <b>K4CNM</b> – Clarence Meese		<b>DX</b>	VE3CMB – Craig McLoughlin VE4ABU -- Al Rowe
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AG5T</b> – Marty Blaise <b>N5MIG</b> – Joe St. Columbia		<b>Pres</b>	<b>K5SRG</b> -Skip Guenter
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>W6LJK</b> –George Huett AB6YL – Ginger Wonderling		<b>VPres</b>	<b>Ricky Asper</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WB7ASC</b> – Ron Seese			
<b>Board Members Present Are Shown In Bold Text</b>				

3905 CCN Board Meeting 02/14/2016 (02/13 local) at 0201z called to order by Board Chairman George, W6LJK on 7.208 and open chat.

Attendance: 1-KC1AU, 2-N2XTT, 3-N3HWH, 4-KB3PU, K4CNM, 5-AG5T,N5MIG, 6-W6LJK, 7-WB7ASC, 8-KJ80-K8GIB,9-NJ9T,10-WB0PYF,DX-N/A, Pres-K5SRG, VPres-AC7RA, Also present: K3BOB, WA9DIY

W6LJK: Good evening everyone, meeting is called to order @ 0201Z We will have attendance roll call.

Roll Call: 1<sup>st</sup>-KC1AU-Present, 2<sup>nd</sup>-N2XTT –Present, 3<sup>rd</sup>-N3HWH-Present, 4<sup>th</sup>-KB3PU-KB3PU and K4CNM, 5<sup>th</sup>-AG5T and N5MIG here,6<sup>th</sup>-W6LJK present, 7<sup>th</sup>-AC7RA-WB7ASC-Present, 8<sup>th</sup>-KJ80-K8GIB-Present, 9<sup>th</sup>-NJ9T-Present,10<sup>th</sup>-WB0PYF-Present, DX-N/A, Pres-K5SRG-Here, AC7RA Present, VP elect

W6LJK: First order of business is to approve the Special election held 1-1-2016 through 1-15-2016. Election resulting in election of Rick Asper-AC7RA as VP

Second by WB0PYF

W6LJK: Roll call:

1-KC1AU-Approve,2-N2XTT-Approve,3-N3HWH-Approve,4-KB3PU-Confirm, 5-AG5T-Approve,6-W6LJK-Aye,7-AC7RA-Approve,8-KJ80-Approve,9-NJ9T-Approve,10-WB0PYF-Approve, DX-VE3CMB-N/A, Pres-K5SRG-Approve. Motion Carried

The motion has passed, Please welcome Ricky. AC7RA as our Vice President.

AC7RA: Thank you everybody.

W6LJK: Next order of business is for approval of general election results as posted to take of-fice March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 (2<sup>nd</sup>-N2XTT, 4<sup>th</sup>-W3BS,6<sup>th</sup>-W6LJK,8<sup>th</sup>-K8GIB,10-WB0PYF.) Need

## February Board of Directors Meeting, (continued)

a second

N2XTT: Second

W6LJK: Roll Call:

1-KC1AU-Approve,2-N2XTT-Approve,3-N3HWH-Approve,4-KB3PU-Confirm,5-AG5T-Approve,6-W6LJK-Approve,7-WB7ASC-Approve,8-KJ80-Approve,9-NJ9T-Approve,10-WBOPYF-Approve, DX-N/A, Pres-K5SRG-Approve, VP-AC7RA-Approve.

Regular Election is approved.

Next we have approval of the special election (1-26-15 thru 2-7-16) results. Elected Ron-WB7ASC-7<sup>th</sup> Area Director, and Ray-WBOPYF-10<sup>th</sup> Area Director. Ron, WB7ASC takes office tonight, Ray-WBOPYF starts a new term March 1<sup>st</sup>,2016. Need a second

N2XTT: Second

W6LJK:

Roll Call: 1<sup>st</sup>, Approve, 2<sup>nd</sup>, N2XTT-Approve,3<sup>rd</sup>-N3HWH-Approve,4<sup>th</sup>-KB3PU-Confirm,5<sup>th</sup>-AG5T-Approve,6<sup>th</sup>-W6LJK-Approve-WB7ASC-Approve,8<sup>th</sup>-KJ80-Approve,9<sup>th</sup>-NJ9T-Approve,10<sup>th</sup>-WBOPYF-Approve, DX-N/A,Pres-K5SRG-Confirm 7<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Area Director Elections . VP-AC7RA-Approve

Motion Approved, Welcome Ron-WB7ASC, 7<sup>th</sup> Area Director, Ray- WBOPYF-10<sup>th</sup> Area Director.

W6LJK: Next Business is Approval of January 2016 BOD Minutes  
Need a second

N2XTT: Second

W6LJK: Roll Call:

Roll Call: 1<sup>st</sup>-Approve,2<sup>nd</sup>-N2XTT-Approve,3<sup>rd</sup>-N3HWH,4<sup>th</sup>-KB3PU-Approve,5<sup>th</sup>-AG5T-Approve,6<sup>th</sup>-W6LJK-Abstain,7<sup>th</sup>-WB7ASC-Approve,8<sup>th</sup>-KJ80-abstain,9<sup>th</sup>-NJ9T-Approve,10<sup>th</sup>-WBOPYF-Approve, DX-N/A, Pres-Approve Jan Minutes, VP-AC7RA-Approve Motion carries with two abstentions

W6ljk: Next: January 2016 financials

Need a second

WBOPYF: Second

W6LJK: Roll Call:

1st, KC1AU-Approve,2nd-N2XTT-Approve,3-N3HWH-Approve,4th-KB3PU-Approve,5th-AG5T-Approve,6th-W6LJK-Approve,7<sup>th</sup>-WB7ASC-Approve,8th-KJ80-Approve,9th-NJ9T,10<sup>th</sup>-WBOPYF-Approve, DX-N/A, Pres-K5SRG-Approve Jan Financials, VP-AC7RA-Approve.

January Financials Approved.

President request reverse roll call on Motion 02\_2016\_02 vote

W6LJK: Next are committee reports. Is there any questions or discussion on committee reports?

Hearing none we will move to new business.

- AG5T: One Thing, Not sure if new business, but keep Maynard-AA9ZF in our thoughts and prayers.
- W6LJK: Approval of Motion 02\_2016\_01 adapting NCS Procedures, as posted. \*\*\*  
Need Second.  
Second by KB3PU
- W6LJK: Any Discussion? Hearing none, call for roll call vote.
- Roll Call: 1<sup>st</sup>-KC1AU-Approve,2<sup>nd</sup>-N2XTT-Affirmative,3<sup>rd</sup>-N3HWH-Approve,4<sup>th</sup>-KB3PU-Approve,5<sup>th</sup>-AG5T-Approve,6<sup>th</sup>-W6LJK-Approve,7<sup>th</sup>-WB7ASC-NO,8<sup>th</sup>-KJ80-Approve,9<sup>th</sup>-NJ9T-Approve,10<sup>th</sup>-WB0PYF-Approve, DX-N/A, Pres-K5SRG-Approve Net Control Procedure updates, VP-AC7RA-Affirmative  
Motion Approved 11 Yes, 1 NO.
- W6LJK: Next Motion to adopt "Net Logger" as the preferred logger for the nets. To be phased in over the next few months as posted. Okay, No discussion heard, Reverse roll call vote
- Roll Call: VP:AC7RA-Approve, Pres-K5SRG: Approve Net Logger migration, DX=N/a, 10<sup>th</sup>-WB0PYF-Approve,9<sup>th</sup>-NJ9T-Approve,8<sup>th</sup>-KJ80-Approve,7<sup>th</sup>-WB7ASC-NO,6<sup>th</sup>-W6LJK-Yes,5<sup>th</sup>-AG5T-Approve,4<sup>th</sup>-KB3PU-Approves Net Logger,3<sup>rd</sup>-N3HWH-Approve,2<sup>nd</sup>-N2XTT-Approve,1<sup>st</sup>-KC1AU-Approve.  
Motion Passes 11 yes 1 No.
- W6LJK: Moving to Old Business, There is none listed.  
Motion to adjourn
- N2XTT: Make motion to adjourn
- KC1AU: Second
- K8GIB: I would like to announce that Rob Lundsford-KB8UEY will be the 8<sup>th</sup> Area Assistant Director. And Thanks to Joe-KJ80
- W6LJK: Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 0236Z

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Foster WA9DIY

3905CCN Secretary

There was discussion about Maynard-AA9ZF being Hospitalized. Best wishes went out for a speedy recovery.

\*\*\*Motion 02\_2016\_01 Net Controller Procedures is a 14 Page Document. It can be accessed @ <http://tinyurl.com/NCS-Guide-REV>

**Take a moment to thank your net control station. Without them, these awards would not have been possible.**



**Awards Listing**

Jan 16, 2016 to Mar 15, 2016

**20 Meter RTTY Nomad**  
WU9T 1 20 Donald G. Chinnery 2/26/2016

**160 Meter SSB 100 Point**  
W9ROG 621 160 Roger G. Callewaert, Jr. 1/25/2016

**40 Meter SSB 100 Point**  
K1YAG 2907 40 William R. Wallace 1/31/2016  
K7NDM 2908 40 Nathan D. Moore 2/25/2016  
KC8JDX 2909 40 Ronald F. Sieloff 2/26/2016  
WX7JM 2910 40 Joshua E. Montano 3/14/2016

**40 Meter SSB 4000 Point**  
KC9YY 97 40 David L. Southern 3/12/2016

**40 Meter SSB Nite Owl**  
KC3CSS 362 40 Ralph J. Smith 1/22/2016  
K1YAG 363 40 William R. Wallace 2/29/2016

**40 Meter SSB Nomad**  
K1YAG 234 40 William R. Wallace 3/10/2016  
K1YAG 234 40 William R. Wallace 3/10/2016

**75 Meter SSB 100 Point**  
K9GWS 3084 75 Gary W. Slagle 1/25/2016  
K1YAG 3085 75 William R. Wallace 1/31/2016  
W4OS 3086 75 Ronnie G. Kelley 2/5/2016  
WB0DYZ 3087 75 John L. Van Proosdy 3/11/2016

**75 Meter SSB 500 Point**  
WA6LBU 147 75 Clayton H. Mayrose 2/13/2016

**75 Meter SSB 1000 Point**  
WG0I 548 75 Michael T. Hartmann 2/4/2016

**75 Meter SSB 2000 Point**  
WB7PTC 241 75 James R. Hurst, Sr. 3/11/2016

**75 Meter SSB 6000 Point**  
KG8WL 35 75 Ralph A. Mitchell 2/26/2016

**75 Meter SSB 7000 Point**  
KG8WL 24 75 Ralph A. Mitchell 2/26/2016

**75 Meter SSB Beat The Clock**  
WR3V 76 75 Richard F. Stahl 3/10/2016

**75 Meter SSB Nomad**  
AB6YL 170 75 Virginia C. Wonderling 3/4/2016

**Bakers Dozen**

WG0I 2874 75 Michael T. Hartmann 2/4/2016  
WG0I 2875 75 Michael T. Hartmann 2/26/2016  
WG0I 2876 75 Michael T. Hartmann 2/26/2016  
WG0I 2877 75 Michael T. Hartmann 2/26/2016  
AE4NT 2878 40 Benjamin I. Goldfarb 3/10/2016  
KC9YY 2879 40 David L. Southern 3/11/2016

**Bakers Dozen Cert of Appreciation**

WT0A 2874 75 Glen K. Felt 2/4/2016  
WK7K 2875 75 John B. Patrick 2/26/2016  
KC0MS 2876 75 Karl W. Peterson 2/26/2016  
N6RSH 2877 75 Steven D. Panattoni 2/26/2016  
NM8Q 2878 40 Franklin E. Sturgill, Jr. 3/10/2016  
NM8Q 2879 40 Franklin E. Sturgill, Jr. 3/11/2016

**Certificate Hunters 40 and 75 SSB**

WA6LBU 595 75 Clayton H. Mayrose 1/31/2016

**Crossword Puzzle**

WR3V 23 Richard F. Stahl 3/10/2016

**National Park - Park Ranger**

KI4DFS 9 David C. Reece 2/27/2016

**Net Control Operators**

K1YAG 191 William R. Wallace 2/19/2016

**Net Controllers Expert**

K9EA 102 Daniel F. Michnay 3/5/2016  
W5DMT 103 David M. Tipton 3/5/2016

**Net Controllers Journeyman**

KB3WAH 140 Grant G. Miller, Sr. 2/5/2016  
AC0RL 141 Jerome G. Kahn 3/5/2016

**Officers 40 and 75 SSB**

N5MIG 983 75 Joseph F. St Columbia Jr. 3/2/2016



# Awards Listing

Jan 16, 2016 to Mar 15, 2016



### Quarter Master

WA2JIM	70	40	Clay B. Statmore	2/20/2016
WA2JIM	71	75	Clay B. Statmore	2/20/2016
AB6YL	72	75	Virginia C. Wonderling	3/4/2016
AB6YL	73	40	Virginia C. Wonderling	3/4/2016

### Triple Play

AB6YL	15		Virginia C. Wonderling	2/11/2016
AA0HF	16		Eric J. Johnson	2/11/2016
AA0HF	16		Eric J. Johnson	2/19/2016

### WAS 40 75 and 160 SSB

WA6LBU	1429	75	Clayton H. Mayrose	2/13/2016
N5MIG	1430	40	Joseph F. St Columbia Jr.	2/26/2016

### WAS Caps 40 and 75 SSB

WA0RKQ	558	75	Reynold D. "Mac" McGinnis	2/4/2016
WA0RKQ	559	40	Reynold D. "Mac" McGinnis	2/4/2016

### WAS YL 40 and 75 SSB

K6CRA	151	75	Phillip A. Wilson, Jr.	1/17/2016
K6CRA	151	75	Phillip A. Wilson, Jr.	1/17/2016
K6CRA	159	40	Phillip A. Wilson, Jr.	1/17/2016
K6CRA	159	40	Phillip A. Wilson, Jr.	1/17/2016

### Work 30

K1YAG	128		William R. Wallace	1/31/2016
K7NDM	129		Nathan D. Moore	3/11/2016

### Worked All Nets

WA0RKQ	41		Reynold D. "Mac" McGinnis	2/4/2016
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## New Net Control Certificates

K9EA and W5DMT have achieved the Net Controllers Expert with 312 and 300 points. ACORL has achieved the Net Controllers Journeyman at 204 points. To achieve the Expert level means you have performed net control duties for at least 75 nets. To achieve Journeyman you would be net control for at least 50 nets. Our net control stations are there for you and these certificates are just a small way we can say "Thank you for a job well done". Give thanks to your net control stations for their time, and consider picking up nets on open nights. Get in contact with the net control training officer

## Congratulations! Have Fun! Keep on Going!

### From the Editor's desk

I welcome all comments, questions and articles you would like to share about the club or its operations. And, any ham-related articles that would be of interest to the membership at large. This is your newsletter and through it you can share your ideas and experiences with the rest of the membership. Let's not forget our DX friends and neighbors either. All members are invited to submit articles for consideration and inclusion.

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